

Good Morning to everyone in the Fleet and this finds you well. As we wrap up this month and look forward to August and the heat, I hope every one of you and your families were able to celebrate safely and had a great time during the 4th of July! My family and I were able to enjoy fireworks from the backyard!

DOD Warrior games were fantastic, the pride and resolve of the athletes is amazing. The vision they have is outstanding and I know this will take us into the future as a Country. This past month, I was able to represent the Hospital Corps at the METC Board of Directors meeting in San Antonio, TX. We discussed program accreditation, instructor staffing, throughput increases, BMET training program, DHA manpower baseline, and the new HM A-school curriculum.

1. Special thanks to the staff of NMETLC and NMTSC with the start of the new HM 'A' School curriculum. While I was there, I had the pleasure to speak with the fine group of Sailors, they're MOTIVATED! For those in the Fleet, stand by, these are some real go-getters!

2. The Office visited the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) where we met with staff and learned about their role in educating future military doctors, dentists, nurses, and health professionals. USUHS is also deeply involved in research in the areas of infectious diseases, trauma medicine, health maintenance, and cancer to name a few. The Consortium for Health and Military Performance (CHAMP) provided information on their research to improve service member performance in the field and returning to duty. Here are two links where CHAMP provides their evidence based research; very useful information with the upcoming PFA cycle:
<https://www.opss.org/>
<http://hprc-online.org/>

Fantastic visit, thank you to HMCM Romero and his team there! You're leading a great group of Sailors to be our next Medical professionals leading Navy Medicine. I also met the Sailors from the EMPD2 class, had lunch and got to know them a better!

3. The FY-17 Career Development Symposium will be at the Anchors Conference Center, 2375 Recreation Way, BLDG 3210, San Diego, California 92136; from 18-20 September 2017. This year's theme is "Take charge of your career: navigate and maximize your opportunities".

The symposium will provide the forum to discuss a broad range of career opportunities and allow members to address and

work towards innovative solutions to current and future retention, attrition, and career development issues.

Fleet Navy Counselors (NC) and Command Career Counselors (CCC) with NEC 9588 and designated as CCC's are highly encouraged to attend.

4. Don't forget to tell your fellow Shipmates "Happy Birthday"; U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps is 04 August, marking 70 and the Dental Corps 22 August, marking 105 years! It is an honor to serve alongside you.

5. In Remembrance:

Hospitalman Aaron D. Ullom, 20, of Midland, MI, died while conducting a dismounted patrol in the Now Zad district, Helmand province, Afghanistan, on July 12, 2011. Doc Ullom was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 8, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Travis L. Youngblood, 26, of Surrency, Ga., died July 21, 2005, of wounds received July 15 from an improvised explosive device during combat operations in Hit, Iraq. Doc Youngblood was assigned to Naval Hospital Great Lakes, Great Lakes, Ill., and deployed with the II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Hospitalman Daniel S. Noble, 21, of Whittier, California, died July 24, 2007, as a result of enemy action while conducting security operations in Dilaya Province, Iraq. Doc Noble was permanently assigned to 1st Marine Division, FMF Pacific, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Anthony C. Garcia, 21, of Tyndall, Florida, died August 5, 2009, during combat operations in Farah Province, Afghanistan. Doc Garcia was assigned with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, out of Kaneohe, HI.

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Clayton R. Beauchamp, of Weatherford, Texas, died August 7, 2012, when his unit was attacked with an IED while conducting a dismounted patrol in the Shaban District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Doc Beauchamp was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, 1st Marine Division (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Camp Pendleton, CA.

Hospital Corpsman Second Class Anthony M. Carbullido, 25, of Agat, Guam, died August 8, 2008, in Sangalesh, Afghanistan, from

injuries suffered when the vehicle in which he was riding hit an improvised explosive device. Doc Carbullido was IA to OEF from Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes (my alma mater), where he served as an instructor. He was a husband and father, a son and a brother, and a true hero and role model.

Hospitalman Riley Gallinger-Long, 19, of Cornelius, OR, died August 11, 2011, while conducting a dismounted patrol in the Marjah District in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Doc Gallinger-Long was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 1, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Hospitalman Chadwick T. Kenyon, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., died Aug. 20, 2006, of injuries suffered when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province, Iraq. Doc Kenyon was assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

Hospital Corpsman First Class Darrel L. Enos, 36, of Colorado Springs, CO, died August 17, 2012, while supporting combat operations in Farah Province, Afghanistan. According to KKTU in Colorado Springs, he was murdered by an Afghan police recruit his unit was training. Doc Enos was assigned to 3rd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC.

Hospital Corpsman Third Class James M. Swink, 20, of Yucca Valley, California, died August 27, 2010, while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Doc Swank was assigned to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Forces.

6. Currently soliciting for ETL applications in the following NECs: 8466 & 8503.

7. The following leaders will be going ashore within the next month:

HM1 Mark Salvador, Navy Medicine Research Center; 10August2017
CMDM Kelly McNulty, NMC San Diego, CA; 25August2017
HMC Tammy Archibald, NBHC Mayport, FL; 26August2017

8. Results should be out shortly for all those Sailors eligible for Chief, I know everyone looks forward to the results. For any Sailor who does not make it this year, keep your head up and keep pushing forward!

Always take the chance to lead Sailors, be an inspiration to those in your charge, connect with each other, build relationships and ALWAYS say "Hello", "Good Morning" or some other greeting to your Shipmates.